

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 26, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 26, 2003. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-39 stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-13 and 18-35 drawn to managed object system, classified in class 709, subclass 316.
- II. Claims 14-17 and 36-39 drawn to application program interface, classified in class 709, subclass 328.

Applicants elect Group I for examination. Accordingly, claims 14-17 and 36-38 are cancelled without prejudice. Further, claims 1 and 39 have been amended to correct minor defects unrelated to patentability.

Respectfully submitted,



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